

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTD

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/769,821
Filing Date	February 3, 2004
First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI
Art Unit	1792
Examiner Name	J. LIN
Attorney Docket Number	740756-2705

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	US-5563095	10-08-1996	FREY, J.	
	2	US-2002/0067400	06-06-2002	KAWASE, T et al.	
	3	US-6776880	08-17-2004	YAMAZAKI, S.	
	4	US-5824361	10-20-1998	ASANUMA, Y.	
	5	US-6871943	03-29-2005	OGAWA, M.	
	6	US-6051150	04-18-2000	MIYAKAWA, T.	
	7	US-5679167	10-21-1997	MUEHLBERGER, E.	
	8	US-6203619	03-20-2001	MC MILLAN, L.	
	9	US-2007/0015323	01-18-2007	ISOBE, A et al.	
	10	US-2001/0027013	10-04-2001	TSUTSUI, T.	
	11	US-7176069	02-13-2007	YAMAZAKI, S et al.	
	12	US-7189654	03-13-2007	YAMAZAKI, S et al.	
	13	US-6231917	05-15-2001	ITO, S et al.	
	14	US-6228465	05-08-2001	TAKIGUCHI, Y et al.	
	15	US-2002/0022364	02-21-2002	HATTA, Y et al.	
	16	US-4328257	05-04-1982	MUEHLBERGER, E et al.	
	17	US-6782928	08-31-2004	KWEON, H et al.	
	18	US-2007/0167023	07-19-2007	YAMAZAKI, S et al.	
	19	US-2007/0172972	07-26-2007	YAMAZAKI, S et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
	20	EP-1071117	01-24-2001			Eng.
	21	JP-10-062814	03-06-1998			Full
	22	JP-11-168042	06-22-1999			Abst.

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.